

SENATE BILL No. 206

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 27-8-11.

Synopsis: Noncontracted pediatric hospital coverage. Provides for referral of an insured to a pediatric hospital that has not entered into a participating provider agreement with an insurer. Specifies requirements for applicability and payment. Makes a conforming amendment.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning insurance.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 27-8-11-4.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 4.5. (a) An agreement
3 between an insurer and provider under section 3 of this chapter may not
4 prohibit a provider from disclosing:
5 (1) financial incentives to the provider; **or**
6 (2) all treatment options available to an insured, including those
7 not covered by the insured's policy.
8 (b) An insurer may not penalize a provider financially or in any
9 other manner for making a disclosure permitted under subsection (a).
10 (c) An insured is not entitled to coverage of a benefit or service
11 under a health insurance policy unless that benefit or service is
12 included in the insured's health insurance policy.
13 (d) **Except as provided in section 12 of this chapter**, a provider is
14 not entitled to payment under a policy for benefits or services provided
15 to an insured unless the provider has a contract or an agreement with
16 the insurer.



(e) This section applies to a contract entered, renewed, or modified after June 30, 1996.

SECTION 2. IC 27-8-11-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 12. (a) As used in this section, "noncontracted pediatric hospital" means a pediatric hospital that has not entered into an agreement with an insurer under section 3 of this chapter.

(b) When an insured's treating provider determines that the insured needs health care services provided at a pediatric hospital and the insurer determines that the health care services needed by the insured to treat a specific condition are:

(1) covered health care services; and

(2) not available from a pediatric hospital that has entered into an agreement with the insurer under section 3 of this chapter;

the treating provider and the insurer shall refer the insured to an appropriate noncontracted pediatric hospital within a reasonable amount of time and within a reasonable proximity of the insured.

(c) When an insured receives health care services from a noncontracted pediatric hospital to which the insured was referred as described in subsection (b), the insurer shall pay the noncontracted pediatric hospital the lesser of the following:

(1) The usual, customary, and reasonable charge in the insurer's service area for the health care services provided by the noncontracted pediatric hospital.

(2) An amount agreed to between the insurer and the noncontracted pediatric hospital.

The noncontracted pediatric hospital may collect from the insured only the deductible, coinsurance, or copayment, if any, that the insured would be responsible to pay if the health care services had been provided by a pediatric hospital that has entered into an agreement with the insurer under section 3 of this chapter. The insured may not be billed by the insurer or by the noncontracted pediatric hospital for any difference between the noncontracted pediatric hospital's charge and the amount paid by the insurer to the noncontracted pediatric hospital as provided in this section.

(d) An agreement between an insurer and a provider may not provide for a financial or other penalty to the provider for making a determination described in subsection (b).

